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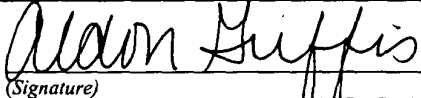
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2002, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view thereof and of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, May 28, 2002, in an envelope addressed to: Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.	
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